

Medically Oriented Search Engines

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Health on the Net (HON)

<http://www.hon.ch/>

It is an international effort to maximize the use of the Internet's health care resources. MedHunt searches HON's database and lists the first 10 reviewed sites and 10 unreviewed sites in the initial results. The reviews include the date that the site was visited, where the site is located, the language(s) it is available in, if the site is commercial or non-profit and the keywords that the site was given by the indexer. The keywords that are listed are also links that perform a search using that term if selected. Watch out if you only want reviewed sites! If the database does not contain any reviews it automatically gives you the unreviewed sites.



HealthAtoZ

<http://Healthatoz.com/>

HealthAtoZ includes reviews, a judgement of the level of the site (professional or consumer or both), and 27 top level categories to choose from. It offers the option to search only reviewed sites. The reviews are based on a five star rating system and are only one or two sentences long. The site claims to have been "exclusively catalogued by medical professionals who have a greater understanding and strong background in health and medicine." The news section is updated with a new feature article every two weeks and covers a wide range of topics.



Achoo

<http://www.achoo.com/index1.htm>

The main Achoo directory contains four categories: Human Life, Practice of Medicine, Business of Health, and What's New. It allows a simple key word search of the whole database as well as a search limited to a section. The references include a one or two sentence description of the site. This site is a collection of links to many other sites that collect links on various topics. There is no review mechanism and no recommendation/rating system. The site says that it employs a medical librarian, but I could not find a name or contact information.



MedSurf

<http://www.medsurf.com/>

This site does not list its "editors" or give you any indication of their qualifications. It contains three main categories: General Information, Practitioner's Information, and Researcher's Information. The list of sites repeats most of the information that can be found in the other directories/resources listed here. The limited number of entries and the lack of reviews make this site of limited use.



Healthfinder

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/default.htm>